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(U) Newport – CBP Intercepts Speeding Vessel in Newport Harbor, Apprehends 18 Suspected Migrants

(U) On Tuesday, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents were summoned to investigate an abandoned boat in Newport Harbor when they spotted another craft speeding across the water and discovered 18 suspected migrants after intercepting the vessel on Tuesday. The “heavily laden recreational vessel” was spotted speeding through the harbor around 12:15 p.m., CBP officials said in a statement. A total of 18 people suspected of being unlawfully present in the US were aboard the boat, and they were all taken into custody and transported to the San Clemente Border Patrol Station.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [Los Angeles Daily News](#)

(U) San Diego – Former US Navy Sailor Sentenced for Selling Export-Controlled Military Equipment to China

(U) Ye Sang “Ivy” Wang, a former US Navy sailor who was a Logistics Specialist First Class assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Command, was sentenced to 30-months in custody and ordered to pay a \$20,000 fine for conspiring with her husband and co-defendant, Shaohua “Eric” Wang, to illegally export sensitive military equipment to China for profit. Eric Wang pleaded guilty on 26 September 2019, admitting that he illegally sold export-controlled US military equipment to China through his online business and that he enlisted his wife to use her Navy position to purchase the equipment for resale.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) Turlock – Second Suspect Arrested in Shooting of CHP Officer in Turlock

(U) A second suspect was arrested in connection with the shooting of a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer in mid-December, Turlock police announced Tuesday. Officers arrested 21-year-old Alexander Arroyo on Tuesday after investigators found he was also involved in the shooting, police said. He was booked on two counts of attempted murder, Turlock police said.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [KCRA3](#)

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(U) Arizona – Arizona Man Sentenced to More Than 10-Years for Cocaine Trafficking

(U) Phoenix – An Arizona man has been sentenced to more than 10-years in federal prison in connection with a Harford County drug trafficking sting; he is the only individual charged who is not a resident of Maryland. Jack Anderson IV, 45, of Phoenix, Arizona, was sentenced to 126-months in federal prison Friday, for his involvement with drug distribution that took place in Aberdeen. Anderson IV plead guilty to “conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five-kilograms or more of cocaine,” according to the US Department of Justice.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [The Aegis](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Capitol Rioter Sentenced to Three-Years of Probation

(U) Washington – An 81-year-old Army veteran was sentenced to three-years of probation and 90-days of home detention on Tuesday for illegally breaching the US Capitol on 6 January. Gary Wickersham, one of the oldest of more than 700 people facing charges related to the Capitol riot, will also have to pay a

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\$2,000 fine and \$500 for damage done to the building. FBI agents initially identified Wickersham from a text he sent a friend claiming to be inside the Capitol. The agents corroborated the texts through social media and security footage from inside the building.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) Hawaii – Man Arrested After Allegedly Throwing ‘Homemade Incendiary Devices’ at Man

(U) Honolulu – Honolulu police arrested a 46-year-old man after he allegedly threw several “homemade incendiary devices” at another man in Kaimuki Saturday night. Police said the suspect threw the devices at the victim, 36, at about 7:30 p.m. Within a half-hour, police located the suspect on suspicion of first-degree arson and six counts of explosive devices. The suspect and victim do not know one another. No injuries were reported.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [Honolulu Star](#)

(U) Illinois – Man Faces Federal Charges for Allegedly Attacking Cops with Flagpole During Capitol Riot

(U) Aurora – An Aurora man has been arrested on federal charges alleging he used a flagpole to assault officers while illegally on the US Capitol grounds during the 6 January riots. James Robert Elliott, 24, who also goes by “Jim Bob,” was charged in an indictment filed in US District Court with six counts, including civil disorder, assault of a federal officer, entering a restricted building with a dangerous weapon, and carrying out an act of violence on Capitol grounds. Elliott was arrested in the Chicago area Tuesday morning and is expected to appear by telephone before a magistrate judge at the Dirksen US Courthouse.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [Chicago Tribune](#)

(U) Texas – US Offers \$5M Reward for Information Leading to Arrest of Sons of Convicted Sinaloa Cartel Member

(U) El Paso – The US government has put out a \$5 million bounty on the four sons of a Sinaloa Cartel drug lord that was convicted in the United States, media reported Monday. “All four are high-ranking members of the Sinaloa cartel and subject to federal indictment for their involvement in the illicit drug trade,” according to a US official.

SOURCE: 20 December 2021, [Border Report](#)

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(U) Niger – French Forces Kill Regional ISIS-Linked Leader During Airstrike

(U) Tillaberi – On Monday, a regional Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) affiliate leader wanted in connection with the killing of French aid workers was killed in Niger during an airstrike carried out by France in a sanctuary north of Tillaberi, media reported Tuesday. The ISIS leader was wanted in connection with the killing of seven aid workers, mostly French citizens, and a guide in a Niger giraffe park in August 2020. Operatives from France’s anti-insurgent force, Operation Barkhane, killed the ISIS leader in an air strike, the Defense Ministry in Paris said.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [France24](#)

(U) Pakistan – ISIS Senior Commander, Two Other Terrorists Killed in Peshawar

(U) Peshawar – Three ISIS terrorists, including a senior commander, were killed in an operation in Peshawar on Monday. An official said the terrorists were involved in several incidents of targeted killing and other acts of terrorism in the area. The senior commander was in charge of terrorists in the Peshawar area and Bajaur district.

SOURCE: 21 December 2021, [Dawn](#)

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(U) Turkey – Turkish Authorities Apprehend 21 Suspected ISIS, Al-Qa’ida Terrorists in Separate Operations

(U) Ankara – Turkish security forces apprehended 21 foreign nationals for their suspected ties to ISIS and al-Qa’ida, security sources reported on Monday. Anti-terror police launched an operation to apprehend 15 foreign nationals in Ankara, who were found to be active ISIS members in conflict zones or supporting ISIS. The operation resulted in 12 foreign nationals being detained and handed over to immigration authorities for deportation. In a separate operation, police in Istanbul apprehended nine additional foreign nationals with ties to ISIS and al-Qaeda. Digital material and organizational documents were also seized during the operation.

SOURCE: 20 December 2021, [International News.az](https://www.internationalnews.az)

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